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II. REMARKS

The applicants wish to thank the examiner for the courtesy shown the undersigned during a telephonic interview on February 26, 2004, wherein discussions centered on the outstanding rejections in view of the pending claims.

This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month and the requisite fee.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 22, 26, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36, and 37 will be at issue. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the foregoing amendment. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, in that the amendments will place the application in a condition for allowance.

The applicants have amended the currently pending claims in order to expedite prosecution and do not, by this amendment, intend to abandon subject matter of the claims as originally filed or later presented, and reserve the right to pursue such subject matter in a continuing application.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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